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*Main Street circa 1910 with its allée of elms – a result of planning activities in the 19<sup>th</sup> century when 1000 elm trees were planted on both sides of the road from Schenob Brook south to the Big Elm.*

## PLANNING FOR SHEFFIELD'S FUTURE

Sheffield, like the rest of South County is growing every year. The Berkshire Visitors Bureau touts Berkshire County as the nation's "premier cultural resort," and our scenic rural landscape, dotted with Bed-and-Breakfast's and antique shops, draws vacationers from near and far. Our location less than three hours from both Manhattan and Boston supports a strong second-home market, and telecommuting, computer and other home-based businesses are allowing more people to live here year-round.

Growth is going to happen. But how and where — and who will decide.

Sheffield, like many towns, has realized that the community needs to not only ask those questions, but also find a common vision to answer them. The standard civic "tool" to accomplish that is to create a master plan.

### What is a Master Plan?

A master plan is a report based on a lot of community input and analysis of

existing conditions and data (using a combination of text and maps) that projects where the town *will* be and where it *wants* to be in 10 years. It helps a community define its common vision for the future and then outlines options for making that vision a reality. By basing the options on concrete data, the plan provides useful steps for moving forward.

Topics covered in a master plan typically include housing, land use, transportation, economic development, open space and town services (see box on page 3 for more details).

### The Process is Key

The process of getting to the master plan report is as important as the report itself. The heart of the process is gathering information from people in the community and synthesizing that information with data from town records and elsewhere into one coordinated multifaceted vision.

That process can take work, but it is essential to create a plan that is truly useful. People representing all view-

points will have sat down together to work through differing views and identify common goals and how to reach them.

The town needs everyone to be involved for the planning process to be successful. There are many ways to participate, from filling out surveys to serving on committees — plenty of ways for each person in the community to get involved. (For more on community involvement see the box on page 2)

### The Planning Process So Far

Sheffield has a total of \$110,000 from various state agencies to complete the master planning process by June 2003.

The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs is providing \$80,000. Three years ago, the agency notified the Town through the Sheffield Land Trust (who facilitated the grant) and then directly at a Board of Selectmen's meeting that the Town would have access to the money to use toward a master plan. Last year, the

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## ROUTE 7 IS OUR MAIN STREET

Sheffield has “amazing assets—an uncommonly large amount of cultural and natural heritage,” presented with “an incredible richness in a subtle display,” in the words of Walter Cudnohufsky, a planner and landscape designer from Ashfield, MA. With wooded hills and undulating valleys, its mountains and rivers provide orientation unusual in a town landscape. The amount of visible agriculture he calls “amazing and rare,” with a surprising number of long views for New England.

Driving along Route 7 in Sheffield you see those fields and mountains, the beautiful river valley, woods and hills—so pristine you could be in Maine, antique stores, commercial buildings, venerable old houses, the town green and the steeple of Old Parish Church lifted up to the clouds. We turn into our driveways or our roads, but what makes someone just passing through want to slow down and stop?

Once lined with a double row of elms, Route 7’s past was “grand and formal,” said Cudnohufsky at the Sheffield Land Trust annual lecture last February. But now it has “lost the sense of gathering,” he said. The road is designed to get you from place to place as quickly as possible. “There’s no reason to stop,” he said. And that’s a problem if Sheffield wants to be a thriving community in the years ahead.



*Double row of elms with walking path between, on Main Street, circa 1910.*

Fortunately, Sheffield has the opportunity right now to choose the future character of our Main Street (and the rest of the town) through the planning process described in this issue. A master plan can bring the people of Sheffield together to clarify community values and preserve scarce resources. (You can get an idea of how Sheffield residents value their town from the “Places of the Heart” project described on page 7.) A broad-based plan will allow Sheffield to preserve its unique character and extend its tax base through smart development.

Cudnohufsky points out that Sheffield is poised at a key moment of change and choice—“there’s not a lot of time left.”

That makes your participation in Sheffield’s planning process vital. See box at right for more on how you can help.

—Kathy Orlando & Andrea Scott  
*Issue editors*

### The Master Plan: What you can do.

Fill out the master plan survey (expected out later this year) to share your priorities and what’s important to you about Sheffield, from characteristics and amenities to issues, services, jobs and housing.

Volunteer to help with mailings, survey follow-ups or other public events.

Have a particular interest? Join a committee or subcommittee. Contact the Selectmen’s Office at 229-2335.

Attend public meetings and forums and urge others to attend as well — the *Sheffield Times* and local papers will let you know when they are scheduled.

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Community Development Initiative, a consortium of State agencies made \$30,000 available to each community across the Commonwealth to take a coordinated look at its economic development, open space conservation, housing and transportation needs.

In September, the Board of Selectmen signed the paperwork to obtain the first \$30,000 and began appointing the Master Plan Advisory Steering Committee: Planning Board members Eric Blackburn, John Downie and Wray Gunn; Selectman David Macy; Police Chief Jim McGarry; Historical Commission member Kathy Orlando; and Town Administrator Bob Weitz. The Committee's first task was to create a Scope of Work, a document that broadly defines the topics Sheffield's master plan will address, and submit it to the State for approval.

In late December, working with Tom Matuszko at the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, the Steering Committee submitted a draft to the State and is now waiting to get comments back.

### **Moving Forward**

In the next month the Steering Committee will be putting together a request for proposals to be used in hiring a consultant to work with the Town to facilitate the next year and a half's worth of work. The proposals submitted by prospective consultants — explaining how they would approach working with the Town to complete what is outlined in the scope of work — will help the Steering Committee assess who will be the best fit for Sheffield. Proposals and references will be judged on candidate's experience in planning in communities like Sheffield and their willingness to work closely with the committees that will be guiding the process. The most promising applicants will be interviewed. The goal is to have a consultant on board by April.

A broad-based Master Plan Advisory Committee will be established. It will include representatives from Town boards, private citizens and other interest groups. This committee will

then guide the development of the master plan and work with the consultant to organize subcommittees to oversee each section of the master plan: housing, land use, economic development and so forth (see box this page for details).

### **Community Involvement is Crucial**

Over the next year and a half, such committees and the consultant will coordinate gathering public input through surveys and a broad range of public forums. They will also gather existing data to be analyzed and presented to the community for review and comment. Meetings will be held with Town Boards, citizens and organizations to review draft sections and plans. Input from surrounding communities, some of which are going through or have already completed their own planning processes, will also be sought. The consultant will provide technical expertise to do the analysis and maximize community participation.

Once the plan is in its final draft it will be distributed to the community for people to review.

Once final comments are made through public hearings and meetings, the Plan gets adopted by the Planning Board. It is then up to Town Boards (or possibly ongoing committees), to ensure that the followup steps outlined in the plan are completed.

### **CALENDAR**

#### **EDITOR WANTED**

The *Sheffield Times* is looking for a volunteer to collect and collate the community calendar items every two months. If you'd like to help out let the *Sheffield Times* know at P.O. Box 1339, Sheffield, MA 01257, or [sheffeldtimes@hotmail.com](mailto:sheffeldtimes@hotmail.com).

## **What topics does the Plan cover?**

**Identification of community goals**, synthesized from individual goals and visions for the future gathered through surveys, public forums, "visioning sessions," written comments submitted by members of the community.

**Build-out analysis**, exploring what it would mean for Sheffield if every lot were developed to the extent allowed under current zoning.

**Analysis of the existing conditions of and future projections** for areas including:

- Economic development
- Fiscal conditions
- Housing
- Land use
- Natural and cultural resources
- Open space and recreation
- Population, employment and demographics
- Public facilities and services
- Transportation and roads
- Other topics

**Outlining next steps**, toward achieving concrete goals set for each section of the Plan.

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## TENDING A TREE'S GRAVE

At the end of Silver Street in Sheffield, where Route 7 scoots southward and the land drops sharply off to embrace the Housatonic River, there's a small patch of ground that's meticulously kept. "Whose grave are you tending there?" is the question Silver Street resident Andy West hears most from passersby as he tends the small patch of ground that surrounds the memorial stone. The grave that Andy tends so carefully belongs to the tree that represents a whole town.

The stone marks the site of the once-majestic Big Elm, commemorated in the town seal (and in the logo of The Sheffield Times). Estimated to have been about 200 years old when it sheltered the 1725 campsite of Mathew Noble, Sheffield's first white settler, the 82-foot Big Elm later provided ample shade for Sheffield residents as they attended town meetings or gathered for picnics. At the tree's peak, its limbs spread out 108 feet and when it was cut down in 1926, the circumference, measured three feet up from the ground, was over 20 feet.

When he took over the task of keeping the area neat and trimmed, Andy was following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. Bud West used to trim the south side of Main Street where Silver St. spills onto Route



*The site of the "Big Elm." Stone marker and plaque maintained by the Wests.*

7. Years later, his son, David, cleared away the growth surrounding the monument across the road. "It was at the end of our street," says David, "and it needed doing." Bringing his experience working with local landscapers to bear, Andy has made the area into a miniature park, trimming the Aurelia hedges, mowing the grass, and generally tidying up. "I am proud of my town," he says, his eyes smiling, and adds, "I'm just showing respect for the town in which I live."

—Pauline Clarke

*Pauline, a native of Sheffield, is a freelance writer.*

## Potluck community dinners

Beth Harlan and Robert Kauffman heard about Monterey's potluck community dinner idea and thought it would be a good way to meet people in their new community. So they are hosting two dinners this winter at their house in Sheffield. They invite anyone who wants to bring a dish they feel comfortable bringing on Saturday, Jan. 12 or Feb. 9 at 7pm. "We are looking forward to meeting more people in the community and to use our house as a meeting spot—one of the reasons we choose this house—good location and great space," says Beth.

Harlan and Kauffman moved to Sheffield with their son in mid-July after living in Salisbury, CT, for many years. "Originally we thought of moving to Great Barrington, but our 15-year-old son goes to Salisbury School and Great Barrington was out of our price range," says Beth. "As it turns out, Sheffield is the perfect location—centrally located, friendly small town, on the river." They bought David Weiss's house at 604 Sheffield Plain Road and painted the main house blue, with red doors and cream trim ("good feng shui—thank you Sheffield residents Nathan Smith and Mari Andreyco").

If you have any questions about the dinner plans, contact Beth Harlan and Robert Kauffman, 229-0029 or 229-0240 or e-mail: beth.harlan@verizon.net. Sheffield Community Dinners, Saturdays, January 12th and February 9th, 7pm, 604 Sheffield Plain Rd.

## Churches and Services

### Sheffield

#### **Christ Church (Episcopal)**

180 Main Street (413) 229-8811

Sunday: 8am & 10am Holy Eucharist; 10am Sunday School & childcare; Thursday: 10am Holy Eucharist & Healing. Rev. Susan H. Crampton

#### **Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses**

Route 7 & Kellogg Road (413) 229-8649

The public is welcome.

#### **Faith Baptist**

640 North Main Street (413) 229-0400

Sunday: 10am Sunday School; 11am Worship Service; 6pm Bible Study; Thursday: 7pm Prayer Meeting. Rev. H. Shelton Cole

#### **Old Parish (United Church of Christ)**

125 Main Street (413) 229-8173

Sunday: 10am Worship and Church School. Sunday, September 2 worship will be at Christ Church Episcopal. Rev. Art Kaufman, Pastor

#### **Our Lady of the Valley (Catholic)**

Maple Avenue (413) 229-3028

Saturday: 5:30pm Mass; Sunday: Sheffield 7:30am, 9am Masses; Mill River 10:30 Mass. Rev. John S. Lis

#### **Sheffield Chapel (non-denominational)**

1970 North Main Street (413) 528-0233

Sunday: 8am & 9:45am Morning Worship; 9:30am Sunday School. Pastor Chet Howes [www.sheffieldchapel.org](http://www.sheffieldchapel.org)

### Ashley Falls

#### **Grace Bible (Conservative Baptist)**

Clayton Road (413) 229-8560; parsonage (860) 824-7442.

Sunday: 9:30am Sunday School (ages 3-adult); 10:30am Worship Service, nursery care provided. Rev. Edward Eastman, Pastor

#### **Trinity Methodist (United Methodist)**

1156 Ashley Falls Road (413) 229-2712

Sunday: 10am Service. Pastor Betty LeGeyt

### Great Barrington

#### **Congregation Ahavath Shalom**

(reconstructionist)

North Street (413) 528-4197 Friday, 8pm & Saturday, 10am. Services are not held every week. Schedules are updated weekly on the answering machine, including special services.

#### **Hevreh of Southern Berkshire**

270 State Road (413) 528-6378 Friday:

7:30pm Shabbat Service; Saturday: 10am Shabbat service & Torah study. Rabbi Deborah Zecher,

Assistant Rabbi Andrew Klein.

#### **Trinity Lutheran**

St. James 352 Main Street (413) 528-1330

Sunday: 9:30am Sunday Worship. Rev. George E. Mayer

#### **Unitarian Universalist Meeting of South Berkshire**

St. James, 352 Main Street church (413) 528-4850; home (413) 528-3106.

Sunday: 5pm. Rev. Kathy Duhon



## Community TV news

**Camera now available.** Starting in January, Community Television for the Southern Berkshires will make a video camera available for public use. Sheffield organizations are invited to use it to tape their events. Already slated for taping: a series of book talks at the library and the Historical Society's monthly meetings. Individuals are invited to tape a short interview with one of the people who make Sheffield special. The camera, available at the Bushnell-Sage Library, is easy to use. Instruction is available upon request.

**Air your event on cable.** The Bushnell-Sage Library is now a remote location for broadcasting over CTSB. You can schedule an event and air it live. Call to reserve time at 229-7004. There is a nominal fee for annual CTSB membership.

**School news on cable.** The Mt. Everett Morning Show at 8am, Monday through Friday, on Channel 11 broadcasts events from Mt. Everett School. Chris Thompson is working on televising the school's basketball games starting in January. Check the schedule at [www.ctsbtv.org](http://www.ctsbtv.org).

**Create notices for broadcast on your computer.** CTSB's Community Bulletin Board can play PowerPoint pages, MPEG2 and PhotoShop files. This means that you can create a page on your computer and e-mail it to the studio. Support is available to help you create a template page or take a digital picture. Organization logos, web sites, phone numbers, signage, pictures of your building, board or events get results.

For information on these CTSB programs, call Elizabeth Parker at 413-243-8211.

### Southern Berkshire Regional School District MOUNT EVERETT REGIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS

#### HOCKEY

Jan. 2 At Pittsfield, 6:30pm  
Jan. 9 At St. Joseph's, 8:30  
Jan. 12 Home, Mt. Greylock, 7:00  
Jan. 16 At Taconic, 6:30  
Jan. 26 Home, East Hampton, 8:00  
Jan. 30 At Mt. Greylock, 7:00  
Feb. 2 At St. Joseph's, 6:30  
Feb. 16 Home, Taconic, 7:00  
Feb. 18 Home, Pittsfield, 12:15  
Feb. 20 Home, St. Joseph's, 12:15  
Feb. 22 Home, Turners Falls, 12:15

#### WRESTLING

Jan. 5 Hudson Tourney at Hudson, 10:30am  
Jan. 12 TBA  
Jan. 18 Hoosac Valley at Monument, 5:30pm  
Jan. 26 Mt. Greylock Tourney at Mt. Greylock, 9:30am  
Feb. 2 Berkshire Duels at Monument, 10:00am  
Feb. 9-10 Western Mass. at Mt. Greylock, TBA  
Feb. 15-16 All States at Taconic, TBA

Feb. 23 All States at Salem, TBA  
Mar. 1-2 New England, TBA

#### GIRL'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 2 At Monument, 6:00pm  
Jan. 4 Home, Taconic, 6:00  
Jan. 11 At Mt. Greylock, 6:00  
Jan. 15 Home, Pittsfield, 6:00  
Jan. 16 At Hoosic School, 4:00 \*  
Jan. 18 Home, Lenox, 6:00  
Jan. 21 At Drury, 5:30  
Jan. 23 At Berkshire Country Day, 4:30 \*\*  
Jan. 24 Home, St. Joseph's, 6:00  
Jan. 26 Home, Hoosic Valley, 3:30 \*  
Jan. 28 Home, Lee, 6:00  
Feb. 1 Home, Berkshire Country Day, 6:00  
Feb. 1 Home, New Lebanon, 7:30  
Feb. 4 At Waconah, 5:30  
Feb. 7 Home, Hoosic Valley, 5:30  
Feb. 11 Home, Mt. Greylock, 5:30  
Feb. 14 At Lenox, 6:00  
Feb. 18 At St. Joseph's, 6:00

#### BOY'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 3 Home, Lee, 6:00pm  
Jan. 4 At Indian Mt., 4:00 \*\*  
Jan. 7 At Windham (NY), 5:30  
Jan. 11 Home, Indian Mt., 4:00 \*\*  
Jan. 11 Home, Whitingham (VT), 6:30  
Jan. 14 At McCann Tech, 5:30  
Jan. 16 Home, Hoosic School, 5:00  
Jan. 18 At Berkshire Country Day, 4:30 \*\*  
Jan. 22 At New Lebanon, 5:30  
Jan. 25 Home, Berkshire Country Day, 5:30 \*\*  
Jan. 26 At Hoosic School, 2:00  
Jan. 28 At Doane Stuart, 5:30 \*\*  
Jan. 28 At Loudanville, 5:30 \*  
Jan. 30 Home, Lenox, 6:00  
Feb. 8 Home, McCann Tech, 6:00  
Feb. 12 Home, Doane Stuart, 5:30 \*\*  
Feb. 14 Home, Loudanville, 5:30 \*  
Feb. 15 At Whitingham (VT), 6:30

*Varsity only games marked with \*; JV only games marked \*\**




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## A GIFT FOR THE TOWN

At the Dec. 17 Board of Selectmen's meeting, Charles and Pauline Schumann of Fiddlehead Trail presented the town with three beautiful archival albums of photographs documenting the houses of Sheffield as of October 2001. He provided an identical set to the Sheffield Historical Society, where they are housed at the Mark Dewey Research Center.

Inspired by the turn-of-the-century photographs of Sheffield exhibited last year at the Library by the Historical Society, Mr. Schumann decided it was time to update Sheffield's historical record. Between May and October he and Pauline criss-crossed Sheffield, up and down every road, to photograph 1,578 houses or house locations. With photos in hand, they criss-crossed Sheffield again to make sure they had all the photos correctly labeled with street name and number.

Mr. Schumann laughingly notes that even in the six months it took to complete the project, some of the houses changed. Most were still easy to recognize, but sometimes a porch or other addition changed the look so much that it took a few moments to see that it was indeed the same place.

The Schumanns met many of the homeowners as Charles was photographing. When he explained his mission, he reports, people were very friendly and helped to make the whole undertaking a thoroughly "favorable experience."

The Schumanns first came to Sheffield in 1965 when they purchased land near Threemile Pond. They built their home in 1971 and were part-time residents until three years ago when they moved to Sheffield full-time.



*Charles Schumann and his gift of photos.*

## Sheffield tree lighting and service an 'angelic' experience

People who attended the lighting of Sheffield's Christmas tree on the Town Green December 9 and the community-wide service afterward at Old Parish Church called it "uplifting" and "angelic." The tree was donated by Tony and Joan Gulotta, trimmed by Tyler Moore with lights by Ron and Veronica Yaple. The Town Green was enhanced by street light decorations by Tammy Blackwell, Danielle Smith and Millie Smith.

The service at Old Parish Church was led by Sheffield's Reverend Art Kaufman of Old Parish, The Reverend Susan Crampton of Christ Church, Father John Lis of Our Lady of the Valley, and Pastor Betty LeGeyt of the United Methodist Church in Ashley Falls. Eric Blackburn and members of the Mt. Everett School Band opened the service with an energetic Christmas

## Oral history project volunteers needed!

An oral history of people living in Sheffield and Ashley Falls is being undertaken by a consortium of Sheffield organizations: the Senior Center; the Historical Society; the Sheffield Historical Commission; Mt. Everett High School; the Bushnell-Sage Memorial Library; and Trinity Methodist Church. They are looking for people who might share their experiences on tape or who know of people who might contribute. They also are looking for people—of any age—who are willing to be trained to interview people.

If you're interested in interviewing or being interviewed, call Natalie Funk at 229-2623 (Council on Aging), Rae Eastman at 229-7022 (Senior Center), Kathy Orlando at 229-8789 (Historical Commission), or Joanne Hurlbut at 229-2694 (Historical Society).

Canticle, followed by anthems sung by an angelic youth choir and, later, a joyous senior community choir, with participants from each of the four churches.

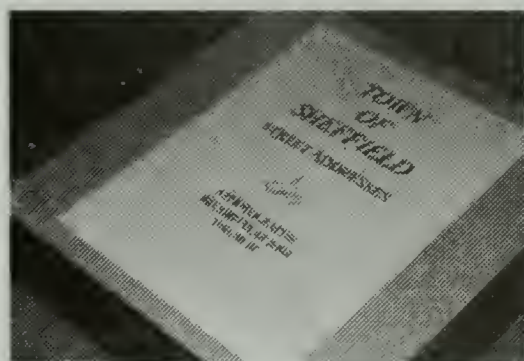
The service included lighting the four Advent candles and a four-part reading by the leaders of the churches. The reading, creatively humorous, reminded the congregation of the ecumenical nature of spirituality and admonished the unnecessary overlay of humans' sometimes distracting interpretation of religion.

The congregation, which packed the church, sang a chorus of Christmas carols and participated in a holiday refreshment hour. The service offering was given to The Good Samaritan Fund, which provides emergency assistance to people in need. Everyone who missed this uplifting annual event should watch for it next year!

—Sharon Gregory

## Samba drumming workshop

Those interested in learning Afro-Brazilian drumming rhythms can join the free drumming workshops held Thursday evenings at 6pm in downtown Great Barrington. All skill levels learn through basic instruction and group participation with the Berkshire Bateria and conductor Jim Weber. Classes are free and held at the studio at 40 Rossiter Street. All instruments are provided. For more information call Jim at 528-6575 or on the web at [www.sambaland.com](http://www.sambaland.com).





## SHEFFIELD: WHERE THE HEART IS

The streets and routes: Routes 7 and 7A, Barnum, Silver, Boardman, Hewins.

The roads: Foley, Bow Wow, Guildler Hollow, Mill River, Weatogue, Giberson, Rannapo, Bear's Den, Brush Hill, County, Sheffield/Egremont, Veeley, Salisbury, Limekiln, Pike, Cook, Water Farm, Hulett, Home.

The avenues, lanes and ways: Maple, Miller, Cobble, Plymouth, Wells, Root, Glennanna.

The places: Cooper Hill, Bartholomew's Cobble, Berkshire School, Rote Hill, Race Brook Falls, Pine Knoll, Fawn Lake, Threemile Pond.

All of them sport little red stickers on a map designating them as "Places of the Heart" in the town of Sheffield, places that speak to the souls that remember them, wander through them, gaze at them, visit them, live, and work, and play in them.

Sponsored by the Sheffield Land Trust at Sheffield's Celebration on the Green held in September, the Places of the Heart project invited people to locate their favorite spot on an enlarged map of the town, mark it with a little red heart, and write a comment or two on the accompanying sheet about what the place meant to them. "Rolling brook, hemlock-shrouded, beautiful in all seasons," reads one entry. "Great neighborhood!" exclaims another.

"Walked through this pine wood lot (Fitch's) to get to Bartholomew's Cobble, making forts along the way," reminisces one woman. "Found pink

lady slippers." "Bird watching in summer, great icy patches in winter, gorgeous fall views and colors, and good mud-hole swimming," writes a Salisbury Road admirer, "but watch out for the mosquitoes!" Rare wild flowers, bobcats, striped salamanders, old cemeteries, beaver ponds, rock outcrops—all find their way into people's descriptions of their special places.

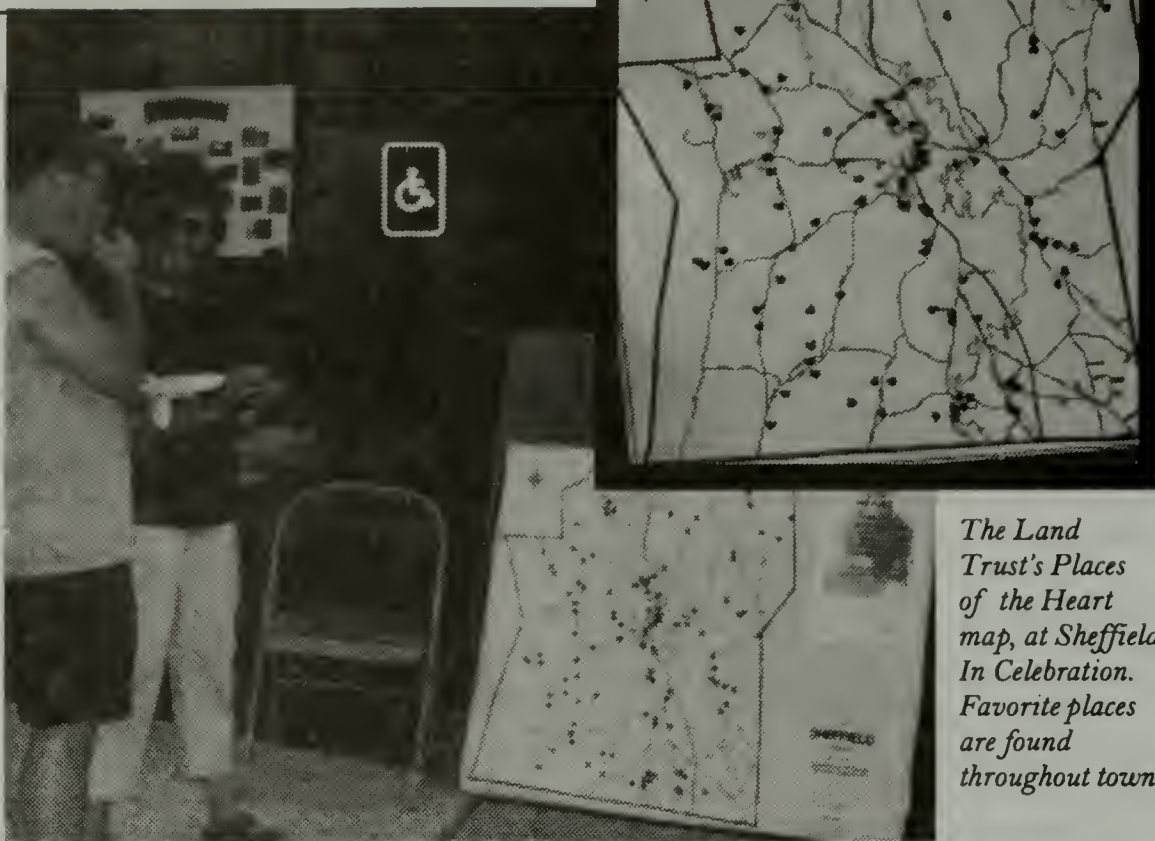
"I like Hulett Hill Road because I live there," states one resident, and "Home is where the heart is," quips another whose red heart sticker is pressed over a spot on Root Lane. Bow Wow Road is "heaven," Guildler Hollow Road is "unbelievably special," Rote Hill has "breathtaking" views, and the "magical" junction of upper and lower Barnum sports hobbits, according to one witness.

Late evening swims in still ponds,

beautiful woods and open fields, bear caves in the backyard, a quiet history, a view of the mountains, friendly people, hidden ponds, secret paths, coyote concerts, grandma's house! Linked to this place by the things we love about it, we recognize the beauty of our small corner of the earth, and the importance of the things that keep us here. Many locals remarked about their old homesteads.

"My absolute favorite spot—where I grew up," reads one note. "My grandfather made this pond!" remembers the granddaughter who helped him pull stumps to clear a space for Combes Pond. "Where I grew up, my heart remains," concludes a Maple Avenue native. Adding a final note, a Pine Lane resident says simply, "There's no place like home."

—Pauline Clarke



*The Land Trust's Places of the Heart map, at Sheffield In Celebration. Favorite places are found throughout town.*

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The following forms will be sent to designated taxpayers on or about January 1, 2001 and are due in our office by March 1, 2002, unless granted an extension in writing by the Board.

- FY2003 Form of Lists: Personal property subject to taxation of all businesses, Chapter 59 S 29.

- FY2003 State Form 2HF: Personal property of all out of state homeowners subject to taxation, Chapter 59 S 29.

- Farm Animal Excise (FAE) forms to all active farm accounts, Chapter 59 S 8A.

- FY2003 State Tax Form ABC: Return of property held for charitable purpose, Chapter 59 S 5 Clauses 3(b), 5, 5A and 5B and Chapter 59 S 29.

The Sheffield Board of Assessors, as mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Revenue (DOR), Bureau of Local Assessment, have completed an interim value update for fiscal year 2002. The new valuations are based upon extensive market analysis and have been approved by the DOR. The FY 2002 tax rate was set and approved by the DOR December 6, 2001 at \$13.00 per thousand showing a decrease of \$1.20 from FY 2001.

### Property Values Increase

The Board of Assessors conducted an interim value update based on recent real estate data and adjusted all residential structures by 25%. The adjustment was reviewed and approved by the DOR in November. Commercial/Industrial and Land values did not increase.

Due to a significant loss (14%) of State Aid (\$60,000) and some property removed from the tax rolls, the tax levy increased by 5.25% while the Town and School combined expenditures rose 3.25% from FY 2001 to FY 2002. This resulted in a shift in the tax burden to residential properties from other land used classes, reflecting recent market conditions as evidenced by real estate sales. In other years, the burden has shifted away from residential property. The breakdown of the \$13.00 tax rate (down from \$14.20 last year) is as follows: School = \$10.45; Town = \$2.55.

For Library  
News, See  
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## PLANNING BOARD

### Palumbo resigns, position open

Citing time conflicts, Dominic Palumbo has resigned from the Board. Mr. Palumbo indicated that he would like to continue his service to the Town by serving on the Master Plan Committee.

Planning Board alternate John Downie has been tapped to sit in on several Special Permit Hearings until the Board of Selectmen appoints a new member to take Mr. Palumbo's place.

Anyone interested in the position should contact Town Hall.

### Special Permit Hearing Set for New Stor-it-All Unit

The Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on January 15 at 7:30pm for the special permit application by Mic-Tan Properties to construct a new 9,100 square foot cold-storage mini-storage building on 0.2 acre at 1881 N. Main Street. Reference zoning bylaw section 4.6H. The property is located in a district zoned C4. Interested parties may review the application at Town Hall.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Keep driveways clear; Permits for alterations

Driveway design and maintenance is important not just for the owners who use them to get in and out, but also for the Town Highway Department, which needs to maintain the roads that they run into and off of. In winter, it's important for property owners to keep culverts clean and open and to not plow snow or gravel onto the road.

In addition, new driveways and alterations to existing driveways require a driveway permit through the Highway Superintendent. He can be reached at the Town Garage at 229-7030.

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## TOWN CLERK

### Town Census forms on the way

The Town Census is an annual accounting required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Forms will be mailed in the beginning of Jan. 2002. The census provides proof of residence to protect voting rights and aids in school enrollment projections, public safety planning, and senior needs. It also establishes proof of residence, which is often needed for veteran's benefits, and reduced tuition at state colleges and universities.

If you are a dog owner, fill in the appropriate box at the upper right hand corner of the census form, the number of spayed female, neutered male or unaltered male and female dogs that you have. But note that the census forms are *not* just for dog owners.

Your immediate response and accurate information reduces the cost of processing this material for the town. If you have any questions, call the Town Clerk's office at 413-229-8752, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm.

### Reminder on dog licenses

Sheffield dog licenses expire on March 31, 2002. New licenses must be purchased by 4 pm on April 30, 2002, to avoid paying a \$25 penalty in addition to the license fee. Should your dog require an update of its rabies shot, don't wait until the last minute to contact your veterinarian.

Licensing of dogs is a requirement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All persons having a dog must license that dog within 30 days of moving into town. There is no other reminder other than the notice that will be enclosed with your town census form. Mark your calendars!

### Best wishes for the New Year

The Town Clerk and Board of Registrars wish all a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year.

## RECYCLING

### Post-holiday recycling reminders

Please **DO NOT** include these items in your paper mix:

- Gift wrap, ribbons, bows and tinsel
- Any box with plastic coatings or windows
- Packing peanuts and any styrofoam (packing peanuts are recyclable separately at Dovetail Antiques on route 7, or at the transfer station.)

Please **DO** include these items with your paper mix:

- Corrugated boxes, paperboard gift boxes

Call recyclable coordinator David Steindler at 413-229-2628 with any questions.

## Sheffield Fire Department Log

*submitted by John Ullrich, Chief*

Oct. 3 Alarm, Kolbourne School  
Alarm time: 4: 25pm; in service: 4:47pm

Oct. 5 Car fire, Ray's Auto  
Alarm time: 10:20am; in service: 10:55pm

Oct. 5 Evacuation drill, Southern Berkshire School District  
Alarm time: 1:22pm; in service: 3:01pm

Oct. 13 Mutual aid, Canaan, CT  
Alarm time: 2:30am; in service: 4:20pm

Oct. 13 Alarm, Sheffield Plastics  
Alarm time: 6:04pm; in service: 6:22pm

Oct. 15 Lost hiker, Brush Hill area  
Alarm time: 7:07pm; in service: 10/16 11:15pm

Oct. 22 Mutual aid, Great Barrington  
Alarm time: 3:54am; in service: 6:56am

Oct. 28 Lost hiker, Sages Ravine  
Alarm time: 8:20pm; in service: 10/29 1:45am

Nov. 13 Smoke in area, Route 41  
Alarm time: 3:44pm; in service: 4:05pm

Nov. 19 Brush fire  
Alarm time: 8:26pm; in service: 8:59pm

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### Excerpts from Meeting Minutes

**11/1:** The Board heard presentations by Dan Bartholomew, president of the Sheffield Water Company, and Edward McCormick, its counsel, and considered various questions concerning the services provided by the company.

**11/5:** It was unanimously decided to appoint Natalie H. Funk as an Associate Member of the Council on Aging and to grant two residents permission to hunt on town-owned land. Bob Weitz, the Town Administrator, stated that, as in the past, citizens of the town will be entitled to five gallons of sand this year, to be picked up from a sand pile near the Town Hall.

**11/19:** At the request of Verizon, the Board unanimously approved the placement of an additional pole on Ford Hill Rd. subject to the agreement of the Highway Superintendent. Also,

the Board unanimously approved these items: appointment of Anna James as Transfer Station Attendant and John Farina as Reserve Intermittent Police Officer; the retention of Kopelman & Paige to represent the Town in Sheffield Foods' appeal of a recent decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals; the issuance of a highway-opening permit, subject to Chief McGarry's checking of location and approval requirements pursuant to a filing by James W. Kelly, after discussion of the area and safety factors.

**11/30:** The Board interviewed Rhonda Quinn for the position of Administrative Assistant for the Board and the Town Administrator (subsequently hired).

—Peter Rowntree

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

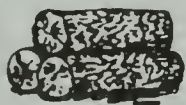
### Alarm system permits

All alarm system permits were due and payable on January 1, 2002. Reminder notices were mailed. If you forgot or have any questions, call Lee at 229-8523, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.

### Self-defense course

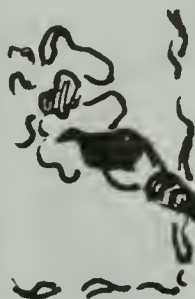
The police department is sponsoring another R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) class this winter. Instructors are Sheffield Police Officers Todd Moriarty, Sheryl Johnson, Scott Farrell and Susan Rathbun and Stockbridge Police Department Officer Brian Shaw. Classes are 2 1/2 hours and are offered at Mount Everett Regional High School on Thursdays, Jan. 3, 10, 17 & 25 at 6pm and Saturday, Jan. 26 at 10am. Class size limited to 20 women on a first come first serve basis.

For more information, contact the Sheffield Police Department Dispatch line at 229-8522 (leave a message) or the business line at 229-8523.



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## Family activities & playgroups

The South Berkshire Family Network holds regular activities for parents and children. The January and February schedule includes a silent auction and lasagna dinner at the Barrington Brewery to benefit the Children's Health Program along with discussion groups focusing on various topics. Call 413-528-0721 to register for all events and for a schedule of other playgroups.

*Unless otherwise noted activities are at the SBFN's Center at 940 S. Main Street.*

### Regular activities.

*Every Monday, except for holidays:*

Parent-infant playgroup, 12:30-2 pm.

Program for 3- and 4-year-olds: January, Silly Science; February, Art from the Heart.

*Monday through Friday:* Drop-in play time, 2-4 pm.

*Every Wednesday:* Playgroup, 9:30-11:30 am.

*Every Thursday:* Playgroup, 9:30-11:30 am.  
Every Thursday, Ashley Falls playgroup at Grace Bible Church, 9:30-11:30 am.

### Special activities

*Father-child playgroup*, Jan. 12 and Feb. 9, 10 am.

*Story Time*, Jan. 8, 10 am.

*Music Together Program* ages 7 months to 5 years. Tuesdays, Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 4, 11, 18, Two sessions, 9:45 and 11 am.

*Single Parents Playgroup*, Wednesday, Jan. 16 and Feb. 20, 5-7 pm.

*Parent Discussion Group*: Claudia Gold, MC, MACONY Associates, will lead discussion on toilet training and temper tantrums. Light supper, child care. Jan. 21, 5:30-7:30 pm.

*Parent Discussion Group*: Discipline for children up to 6 years old, led by Bob Boylston, MSW. Light supper, child care. Feb. 18, 5:30-7:30 pm.

*Lasagna Night* and fund raiser for Children's Health Program at Barrington Brewery, Great Barrington, with silent auction. Jan. 22, 5-8 pm. Adults, \$5, children, \$3.

*New Year's Luncheon* for families with births in 2001 at St. Peter's Parish Center, Great Barrington, Jan. 23, 12 noon-2 pm.

*Toddler play group*, Jan. 26 and Feb. 23, 9:30-11:30 pm.

*Stepfamilies discussion group* at Russell House, Jan. 28 and Feb. 25, 7 pm.

*Mother/baby exercise* and baby massage led by Vicky Guy, LPTA, Jan. 30 and Feb. 27, 1 pm.

*Moms of Multiple Births Night Out*, Feb. 6, 6 pm, call Missy, 229-3557, for details.

## CIVIL WAR CONCERT HONORS PAST & MODERN HEROES

A program of songs and readings focusing on the experiences of the people of Sheffield and Berkshire County during the Civil War was presented to an enthusiastic audience at The Old Parish Church on Oct. 21. John Arthur Miller, a professional singer who recently moved to Sheffield, organized and produced the show using the music of Sheffield-born composer and songwriter George Frederick Root along with letters and diaries of his Berkshire County contemporaries.

In addition to Root's songs performed by Mr. Miller, the all-volunteer cast included Julianne Boyd, Artistic Director of the Barrington Stage Company; Griffin Gardner, Sheffield resident, singer and actress; pianist Ethan Henderson, the Managing Director of the Berkshire Choral Festival; Rev. Arthur Kaufman; Hilary Russell, Berkshire School teacher; Gary Soldati, Great Barrington resident and actor; and five students from the Berkshire and Mount Everett Schools. William Gulotta, Sheffield Fire Dept. member and Berkshire School teacher, and James McGarry, Sheffield Chief of Police, both in full dress uniform, participated as readers.

The money raised by the event will go toward the restoration of the Old Stone Store. A limited supply of video tapes of the performance will be available for \$13. Call 229-2694 to order.

### Singer talks about putting together Civil War program

My interest in history has remained simmering throughout my life, put on the back burner by the boiling pot of music and the arts. I am a singer by profession and it was through singing that my wife and I came to Sheffield. Trudy and I have been involved in with the Berkshire Choral Festival for many years and have spent many summers in Sheffield.

In March we became year-round residents. The house we live in is known variously as one of the "Dan Raymond" houses, the old Wakefield place, the Silk family home, or, most recently, where the Delmolinos lived for over 20 years.

As new owners of a property rich in three centuries of history, we are excited and humbled by the responsibility of adding some history in its fourth century. We started attending lectures and events at the Historical Society. At a talk by Stuart Murray about his history of Berkshire County's participation in the American Civil War, "A Time Of War," I was struck with an idea for a concert recital.

I had recently read that Sheffield was the home of George Frederic Root, a prolific and popular 19th-century American composer. Although Root left Sheffield at an early age and pursued a career that took him to Boston, New York, and Chicago, he was quite fond of his hometown of Sheffield and returned often, even composing a song used in celebrating the nation's centennial here in Sheffield.

I discovered the vast historical collection at the Historical Society's Mark Dewey Research Center, including an autobiography of Mr. Root entitled "The Story of a Musical Life." In it were the words to many songs, some familiar and others not. The problem now was where to find the actual music. Mr. Root had a successful music publishing business in Chicago called Root & Cady, but many of its manuscripts were destroyed in the Chicago fire of 1871. Eventually, I found music at the Lester S. Levy Sheet Music Collection, a web site indexed by John Hopkins University that includes scanned images of sheet music over 75 years old.

After September 11, my simple afternoon fundraiser took on a different meaning. Involvement of many became an important theme. Root's music remained a central—and apt—aspect of the performance, with titles like "God Bless Our Brave Young Volunteers," "The Vacant Chair," "Battle Cry Of Freedom" and "Farewell Father, Friend and Guardian." I expanded the program to include local writings of the period: letters from young soldiers at battle or in prison and poems and writings by local heroes of another time—Herman Melville, Fanny Kemble, John Barnard, Catharine Sedgewick, and Robert Kellogg. More than twenty people helped me bring history alive that afternoon. Close to a dozen descendants of George Frederic Root were in the audience.

—John Arthur Miller



# organizations & BUSINESSES

## VISIONAIRIES MAKE MAGIC ON BOARDMAN STREET

There's magic in the cornfields at the intersection of Boardman Street and Kellogg Road. Here special effects master Doug Trumbull crafted Academy Award-winning optics for "Back to the Future" and "Bladerunner." Then the puppeteers and computer rotoscopers created the children's TV-series "Winnie-the-Pooh" and "The Bear in the Big Blue House." And now, since September 1, the Visionaries Institute of Suffolk University has inaugurated a documentary film school dedicated to philanthropy and media.

Bill Mosher, director and founder of The Visionaries, believes in the magic that occurs when one human being helps another. His mission is to document that magic by capturing the stories of visionaries and volunteers around the world. In a series of public television programs—now over 90 episodes—he and his crew and students have profiled nonprofit organizations who change the world by helping others.

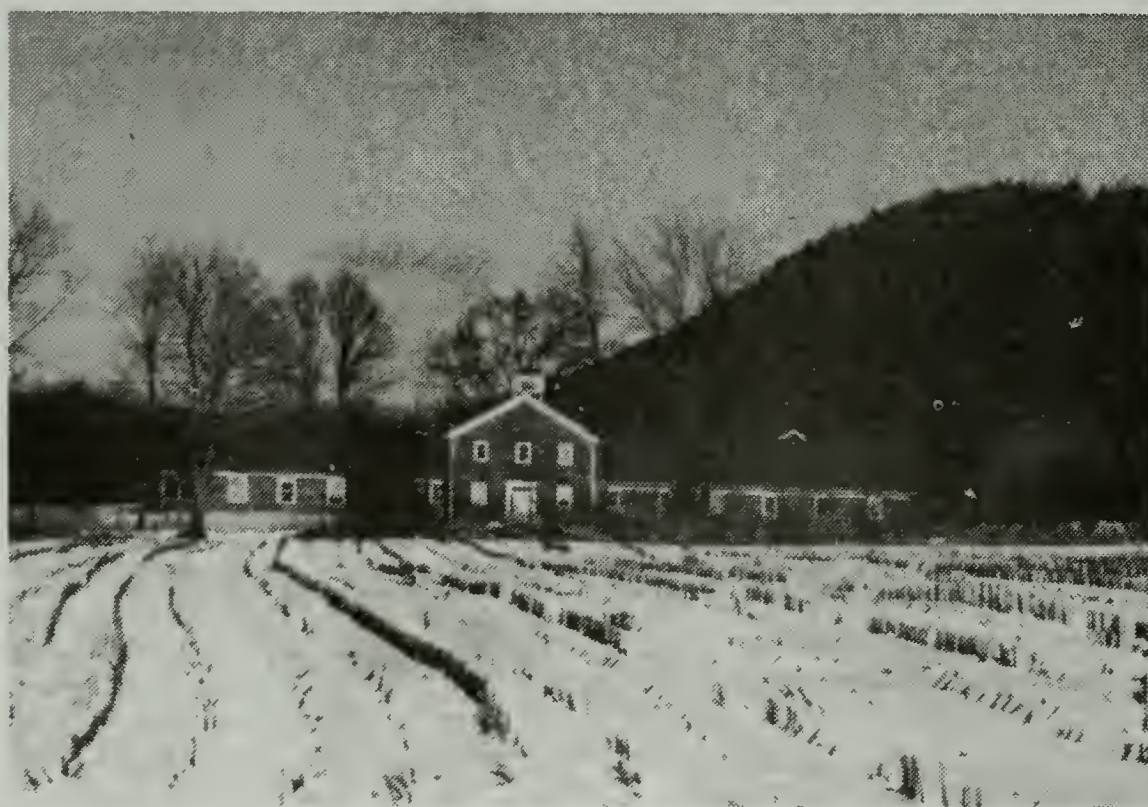
A serendipitous meeting occurred two years ago when Bill Mosher met Doug Trumbull while filming a documentary on Gould Farm in Monterey. The two directors quickly realized they shared a vision to educate filmmakers in the art of portraying positive change. On the eve of retirement, Doug Trumbull was convinced that his world-class facility would best serve the Visionaries program, which was then located in factory quarters in Braintree, and the transition was effected.

The Visionaries have several goals in identifying potential video subjects. The team looks for a clearly defined visionary, an individual or group who has gone through life-altering experience and devotes themselves to helping others. The story of this experience must reveal an aspect of the philanthropic world that engages viewers, and the video episodes produced should "make things better," from altering perceptions to saving lives. Twenty-four graduate students have come to Sheffield to understand the power of positive emotion as a force for social change and to create media projects that are tools of service.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Turner, The Visionaries, 1375 Boardman Street, Sheffield, 229-0350.

—Fred Gordon

*Fred, a resident of Boardman Street, is a masters' degree candidate at the Visionaries Institute*



*The studios and offices of the Visionaries Institute on Boardman Street (at Kellogg).*

## February Films at Library

The Bushnell-Sage Library will be showing movies on Thursday evenings this February. Showtime: 7pm. Refreshments will be served. Call 229-7004 to confirm showings, as the titles are subject to change.

Feb. 7: *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner.*

This final film pairing of Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn was one of the first to deal with interracial marriage. Though quite daring at the time, the movie seems rather quaint today. Still, Tracy and Hepburn are fun to watch, and Sidney Poitier and Catherine Houghton, Hepburn's niece, make an appealing young couple. Directed by Stanley Kramer. 1967.

Feb. 14: *The Long Walk Home.*

Superb performances by Sissy Spacek and Whoopie Goldberg highlight this absorbing drama about the first civil rights action: the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott of 1956. 1991.

Feb. 21: *The Color Purple.*

Steven Spielberg adapted Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about the growth to maturity and independence of a mistreated black woman, set in a small town in Georgia between 1909 and 1947. Starring Oprah Winfrey, Danny Glover, and Whoopie Goldberg. 1985.

Feb. 28: *Glory.*

This film tells the story of the black soldiers that fought on the side of the Union during the Civil War. Starring Denzel Washington, Mathew Broderick, and Morgan Freeman. 1989.

## A Landscape of Farms

The Sheffield Land Trust's 4th Annual Winter Lecture will be held at Dewey Hall on Saturday, February 9th from 3pm to 5pm. This year's topic is *A Landscape of Farms* with Commissioner of the MA Department of Food and Agriculture, Jay Healy, speaking on the viability of farming and what it takes to make it in the 21st century. He will be joined by a panel of local farmers for a lively discussion and question and answer session. Refreshments will follow the presentation.



## Historical Society events in January/February

"What's It," with Milton Barnum and Chris Coenen. One of the Society's favorite annual events. Bring along that old gizmo or gadget to stump the experts. Was that basket used for drying herbs or draining cheese? What is that odd iron pliers-like tool? Search your attics and barns. Friday, Jan. 11, 7:30 pm, Dewey Memorial Hall, free.

"Sheffield's Heroes and Helpers." Readings and lectures focusing on firefighters and other community members who are always ready to assist in times of need. Jointly sponsored by the Historical Society and Bushnell-Sage Library. Monday, Jan. 21, 1 to 3 pm at the Bushnell-Sage Library, free.

"Sheffield Fashions: Dresses, Drawers, Hats, and Hoops." Textile exhibition featuring clothing worn by Sheffield residents during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Opens Friday, Feb. 8, at the Dan Raymond House with a special members-only preview. Open to the public starting Sunday, Feb. 10. Registration highly recommended. Members free, non-members \$3.

The Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project with Historical Society and

Quilters' Guild members. Results from previous documentation efforts will be shown and procedures explained. Includes quilts from the Historical Society, the Mission House, Bidwell House and private owners. Friday, Feb. 8, 7:30 pm, at Dewey Memorial Hall, free.

"History through Quilting," school vacation textile workshop for 8-to 12-year-olds. Wednesday, Feb. 20, 10 am to 3 pm. The program, the Historical Society's first and offered in conjunction with the Bushnell-Sage Library and the Berkshire Quilters' Guild, will include readings, viewing historical materials, and the completion of an individual quilt square. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch. \$8 members, \$10 non-members. Registration is required — call 229-2694.

*During the winter, the Historical Society office is open 10 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Tours of the Dan Raymond House are available by appointment. The Mark Dewey Research Center is open Monday and Friday from 1:30 to 4 pm and by appointment. For further information on Society programs, contact the Sheffield Historical Society, 159-161 Main Street, P.O. Box 747, Sheffield, MA 01257, 229-2694 or email [shs@sheffieldhistory.org](mailto:shs@sheffieldhistory.org).*

### Sheffield Historical Society Programs:



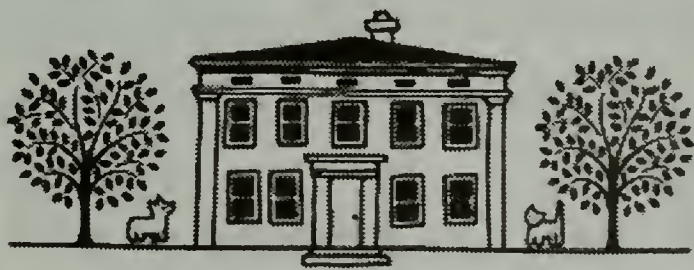
Friday—January 11 "What's It"—7:30 p.m.

Monday—January 21 "Sheffield's Heroes and Helpers"—1p.m.

Friday—February 8 "Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project"—7:30 p.m.

Wednesday—February 20 "History through Quilting for Youth"—10 a.m., Fee.

*For more information call the Sheffield Historical Society at 229-2694. (1/21 & 2/20 in collaboration with the Bushnell-Sage Library; 2/20 the Berkshire Quilter's Guild)*



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## Real-estate transfers

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| <p>Oct 9 Tammis Day to Joel H. Goldstein, property at 232 Giberson Rd North, \$825,000.</p> <p>9 Madeleine E. Robins to Madeleine E. Robins &amp; Daniel J. Caccavo, property at 1690 Boardman St, transfer.</p> <p>11 Michele V. Brooks &amp; Michael Brooks, to Michele V. &amp; Michael Brooks property at 1444 County Rd, transfer.</p> <p>15 David B. &amp; Sandra J. Murphy to Juergen Frank &amp; Susan Wirth, property at 830 S. Undermountain Rd, \$272,500.</p> <p>17 Antonio Zamperini to Rebecca Hewins, Trustee of Little House Realty Trust, property at 374 County Road, transfer.</p> <p>19 Peter &amp; Gussie Greer to Robert M. &amp; Nancy W. Smith, property at Hewins Street, transfer.</p> <p>19 Robert M. &amp; Nancy W. Smith to Robert M. &amp; Nancy W. Smith, property at Hewins St, transfer.</p> <p>19 Alice D. Ripley to Gary Cookson, property at 635 Rannapo Rd, \$815,000.</p> <p>19 Dana Marcus, Trustee of Sheffield Heights Real Estate Trust to Frank and Julie Barros, property at Home Road, \$35,000.</p> <p>23 Mary B. Martin to Michael W. Martin, property at 604 Polikoff Rd, transfer.</p> <p>23 Janet Cooper to Janet Cooper, property at Hewins St &amp; Rote Hill, \$1.</p> <p>23 Evelyn M. &amp; Marvin H. Casivant to Marvin H. &amp; Olympia D. Casivant, property at East Stahl Rd, less than \$100.</p> <p>25 Joanne Yorgensen to Margaret L. Candee &amp; John Delmolino, property at 1347 &amp; 1349 N Main St, \$65,000.</p> <p>26 Robert VanGent to Dennis &amp; Janice Tresp, property at 63 Glennana Way, \$335,000.</p> | <p>30 Thomas F. &amp; Ann L. Buckley to Thomas F. Buckley Jr., Dennis &amp; Robert Buckley, property at 49 Root Ln, \$1.</p> <p>31 Donstance M. Beneat to Barbara E. Boardman, Anne Marie Beatie &amp; Marilyn J. Brooks, property at 90 Cobble Ln, transfer.</p> <p>Nov 6 Brian L. Tanner &amp; Dale E. Tanner to Dale E. Tanner, property at Shunpike Rd, transfer.</p> <p>7 Donald F. &amp; Joyce E. Pequignot to Kenneth G. &amp; Kathleen A. Dempsey, property at 67 Bunce Rd, \$162,000.</p> <p>7 Kenneth G. &amp; Kathleen A. Dempsey to Robert E. Cohen &amp; Amy L. Damers, property at 1592 County Rd, \$230,000.</p> <p>8 Jesse S. Rosenthal to James M. Lamme III, property at Barnum St, transfer.</p> <p>8 James M. Lamme III to Jesse S. Rosenthal, property at Barnum St, transfer.</p> <p>8 John J. Halloran to Laurence J. Halloran, property at Berkshire Lake Estates, \$480.</p> <p>13 Joseph Schwartzman to Eric A. Smith, property at N Undermountain Rd, \$17,000.</p> <p>15 Mary C. Thommen &amp; Donna L. Kelly, Trustees of the Christine F. Welch Nominee Trust to Harvey S. &amp; Vivian Kimmelman, property at 42 Valley Rd, \$275,000.</p> <p>15 Kevin J. &amp; Mary E. Hennessey to Kevin J. Hennessey &amp; Leah K. Arseneau, property at 649 Hewins St, transfer.</p> <p>15 Harold J. &amp; Maureen A. Beckwith to John F. &amp; Mary Lynne Grismer, property at 1615 Home rd, \$207,500.</p> <p>15 Robert A. Lucey to Steven A. D'Alessio Jr, property at 52 Bunce Rd, \$135,000.</p> | <p>16 Thomas W. Candee to Robert T. &amp; Barbara H. Going, property at 627 S Main St, \$105,000.</p> <p>19 Stephen F. &amp; Joanne M. Bangs, Trustees of the B&amp;F Nominee Realty Trust to Stephen F. &amp; Joanne M. Bangs, property at Ashley Falls Rd, \$1.</p> <p>23 Berthmans J. Picard to Michael R. &amp; Wendy L. Koldys, property at Berkshire Lake Estates, \$3,000.</p> <p>26 James Lamanno to James Lamanno &amp; Barbara Lamanno, property at 1434 N Main St &amp; 70 &amp; 72 Kellogg Rd, \$1.</p> <p>26 Mildred A Shmulsky to Daniel Shmulsky, property at Berkshire School Rd, less than \$100.</p> <p>29 Sylvia E. Durning to Bruce &amp; Amy Humes, property at 12 Glennana Way, \$305,000.</p> <p>Dec 3 Thomas H. &amp; Cynthia Dixon to Berkshire School, Inc, property at N Undermountain Rd, \$698,000.</p> <p>5 Lothar Hutzler to Lydla T. Schleyer, Lillian Ehrenhaus &amp; Laurence Hutzler, property at Rannapo Rd, \$30,000.</p> <p>5 Walter &amp; Patricia Hewins to Thomas A. Hewins, property at Hulett Hill Rd, no consideration.</p> <p>5 Lloyd H. &amp; Lisa Busch to Brian A. Mooney, property at County Road, \$37,000.</p> <p>7 Michael C. Kradel to Thomas H. &amp; Beverly A. Kradel, property at East Stahl Rd, \$1.</p> <p>7 800 North Main St, Inc to Landmark Volunteers, Inc, property at 800 N Main St, \$1.</p> <p>7 Donald M. Batchley to Trumbull Barrett, property at Bow Wow Rd, \$190,000.</p> |
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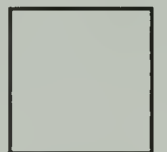


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# calendar

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### January

- 11 What's It? Night, Dewey Hall, 7:30pm (p.13)
- 12 Potluck Community Dinner, 604 Sheffield Plain Rd., 7pm (p.4)
- 15 Martin Luther King's Birthday
- 15 Planning Board Public Hearing, Town Hall, 7:30pm (p.8)
- 17 R.A.D. self-defense class, Mt. Everett, 6pm (p.10)
- 21 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OBSERVED
- 21 Sheffield's Heros & Helpers – lecture, Library, 1pm-3pm (p.13)
- 25 R.A.D. self-defense class, Mt. Everett, 6pm (p.10)
- 26 R.A.D. self-defense class, Mt. Everett, 10am (p.10)

### February

- 7 Film Fest. – *Guess Who's Coming To Dinner*, Library, 7pm (p.12)
- 8 MA Quilt Documentation Project, Dewey Hall, 7:30pm (p.13)
- 9 A Landscape of Farms – Lecture, roundtable & tea, Dewey Hall, 3pm-5pm (p. 12)
- 9 Potluck Community Dinner, 604 Sheffield Plain Rd., 7pm (p.4)
- 10 Sheffield Fashions: Dresses, Drawers, Hat & Hoops, Dan Raymond House (p.13)
- 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- 13 Ash Wednesday
- 14 VALENTINE'S DAY
- 14 Film Festival – *The Long Walk Home*, Library, 7pm (p.12)
- 15 Deadline for *Sheffield Times* March/April Issue
- 18 PRESIDENTS DAY OBSERVED
- 20 History through Quilting Children's Workshop, 10am-3pm (p.13)
- 21 Film Festival – *The Color Purple*, Library, 7pm (p.12)
- 22 Washington's Birthday
- 28 Film Festival – *Glory*, Library, 7pm (p.12)

See also:

Church Services on page 4.

School Sports Schedules on page 5.

S. Berkshire Family Network Activities on page 11.

### Ongoing Calendar Items

(meetings or events that occur on a less than weekly basis are noted by reference – i.e. 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> indicates meetings the first and third times that day occurs in the month)

#### Mondays:

Food Assistance Program, Old Parish Church, 9am-10:30am  
Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 7pm, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>  
Board of Health, Town Hall, 7pm, 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Tuesdays:

Kid's Club, Old Parish Church, 9am-12pm  
Council on Aging, Dewey Hall, 9am, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Physical Fitness Class, Dewey Hall/Senior Center, 9:30am  
Building Inspector, Town Hall, 6pm – 8:30pm  
Ashley Falls Historic District Commission, Town Hall, 6:30pm, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Planning Board, Town Hall, 7pm, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Industrial Development Commission, Town Hall, 7:30pm, last

#### Wednesdays:

Bereavement Group (OPC), Dewey Hall/Senior Center, 10am-11am

#### Thursdays:

Building Inspector, Town Hall, 7am – 1pm  
Physical Fitness Class, Dewey Hall/Senior Center, 9:30am  
Conservation Commission, Town Hall, 7pm, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>  
Samba Drumming, 40 Rossiter Street, Gt. Barrington (p.6)

#### Fridays:

Noon Movies, Dewey Hall/Senior Center, 12pm

### SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

#### Ongoing

See above for ongoing items.

Items marked with \* require appointment.

#### January

- 10 Blood-pressure testing
- 21 Martin Luther King Day (closed)
- 31 Potluck luncheon with talk on advance directives

#### February

- 6 Memory screening 9:00 to 11:00am \*
- 14 Blood-pressure testing
- 18 President's Day (closed)
- 28 Lunch out with speaker to be announced

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